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1. A new numbering system has been introduced in drawing up export contracts.  
Each item is now given a number preceded by a letter indicating (in order):
  - a. The special department (DIA) responsible.
  - b. The branch (Kontor) within that department handling the type of goods involved.
  - c. The country for which the export is destined.
  - d. The accession number (an internal matter).
  - e. The bookkeeping registry number (IDEM).

Thus an export to China of laboratory equipment by the department responsible for precision instruments (DIA Feinmechanik-Optik) would have a number like this: F/1538/95/030, while an export to the USSR of agricultural machinery by the department responsible for machinery would have one like this: FM/3125/724/0024. It will be noted that the Kontor number and the destination number are not separated by a virgule.

2. The letters indicating the export department (DIA) are the following:

A - Kompensation (mixed agreement)  
 AM - Allgemeine Maschinen (machinery)  
 B - Bergbau (mining)  
 C - Chemie (chemicals)  
 E - Elektrotechnik (electrical industry)  
 F - Feinmechanik-Optik (precision and optical instruments)  
 FM - Fahrzeuge u. Landwirtschaftsmaschinen (vehicles and agricultural machinery)

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G - Glas und Keramik (glassware and china)  
 H - Holz (timber)  
 K - Kulturwaren (musical instruments, books, etc.)  
 N - Nahrung (food)  
 P - Papier und Druck (paper and printing)  
 SM - Schermaschinenbau (heavy machinery)  
 T - Textil (textiles)  
 W - Werkzeuge und Metalwaren (tools and metal goods)  
 X - Metall (metallurgy)

3. The numbers indicating the country for which the export is intended are as follows:

01	Albania
02	Belgium & Luxemburg
03	Bulgaria
04	Denmark
05	Finland
06	France
07	Greece
08	United Kingdom
09	Ireland
10	Iceland
11	Italy
12	Yugoslavia
13	Holland
14	Norway
15	Austria
16	Poland
17	Portugal
18	Rumania
19	Sweden
20	Switzerland
21	Spain (including Spanish territories in Africa)
22	Czechoslovakia
23	Turkey
24	Hungary
25	USSR
26	Abyssinia
27	Liberia
28	Trieste
29	Lebanon
30	South Africa
31	Algeria
32	French Morocco
33	Tunisia
34	Tangiers
35	Afghanistan
36	Burma
37	Ceylon
38	China
39	India
40	Iraq
41	Persia
42	Japan
43	Korea
44	Thailand
45	Syria
46	Indonesia
47	USA (including Alaska, Puerto-Rico, Hawaii and Pacific Islands)
48	Canada
49	Mexico
50	Nicaragua
51	Salvador

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52	Argentina
53	Bolivia
54	Brazil
55	Chile
56	Columbia
57	Ecuador
58	Paraguay
59	Peru
60	Uruguay
61	Venezuela
62	Australia
63	New Zealand
64	Costa Rica
65	Israel
66	Egypt
67	Cuba
68	Pakistan
69	British West Africa (Gambia, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Island Possessions)
70	British Nyasaland
71	British East Africa (including Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika)
72	Arab League (including Saudi Arabia and Transjordan)
73	British Honduras
74	Philippines
75	Guatemala
76	Haiti
77	Dominican Republic
78	Hong Kong
79	Other British possessions (those not listed separately, e.g., Aden, Bahrein, Falklands, etc.)
80	Belgian Congo
81	Madagascar
82	Panama
83	Malay States (including Borneo, Penang)
84	British Mediterranean Possession (Gibraltar, Malta, Gozo, Comino, Cyprus)
85	British West Indies (including Bermuda)
8	British Guiana
87	Dutch West Indies (including Curacao and Surinam)
88	Northern Rhodesia
89	Southern Rhodesia
90	Portuguese Africa (including Angola, Cape Verde Islands and Mozambique)
91	French American possessions (including Guadeloupe, Martinique and Guiana)
92	French Pacific possessions
93	British Pacific possessions
94	Vietnam
95	Indo-China
96	French West Africa
97	East African Mandated Territories (Eritrea and Somaliland)
98	Lybia
99	Honduras

4. The Kontor numbers vary for each DIA apparently without pattern and the same numbers are used in different DIAs for different commodities. A specimen list of the Kontor numbers used in DIA Feinmechanik-Optik (precision and optical instruments) is given by way of illustration:

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13	Drawing instruments	33	Optical instruments
14	Office machinery	34	Microscopes
15	Laboratory equipment	35	Nautical instruments
16	Apparatus for testing materials	36	Astronomical apparatus
17	Delicate measuring instruments	37	Optical measuring apparatus
18	Regulators	38	Photographic apparatus
		39	Cinematographic apparatus
22	Operating instruments	40	Ophthalmic instruments
23	Surgical instruments	42	Import - Optical goods
24	Dental instruments	43	Import - Medical goods
25	Medical instruments	44	Import - Mechanical goods

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